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EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report:

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for a term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.
CHINA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this morning, the Biden administration announced they are taking action to counter the Chinese Communist Party's threat to our national security. Just a few moments ago, the Department of Commerce said they would formally add Wuhan-based YMTC and 35 other Chinese companies to the so-called Entity List, blocking them from purchasing critical technology from American businesses.

I am glad this decision has finally arrived because I have long sounded the alarm on the economic and national security threats posed by YMTC and other CCP-backed technology companies, like CXMT and SMIC. YMTC poses an immediate threat to our national security so the Biden adminis-

tration needed to act swiftly to prevent YMTC from gaining even an inch of military or economic advantage. I am glad that they are heeding our calls as well as calls from other Members on both sides of the aisle.

Of course, YMTC is a well-known chip supplier for Huawei, one of the biggest companies that pose a risk to U.S. security interests. Any supplier of Huawei is no friend of the United States because the risks are too great and the entanglements of these companies with CCP and Chinese military are too treacherous. This is a necessary and prudent step by the administration.

The administration's announcement also comes on the heels of my amendment with Senator CORNYN to the National Defense Act that would remove YMTC as well as SMIC and CXMT from our Federal supply chains entirely. It is a one-two punch: The administration blacklists these companies from doing business, and here in Congress we will shut them out even further from U.S. supply chains. Of course, this is about more than just a single group of businesses stretching their tentacles into our country. It is about holding firm against a CCP that has become more emboldened and oppressive over the recent years.

The 21st century will be largely shaped by our two giant economies. For decades, the Chinese Communist Party has cheated their way to the top by piggybacking off American technologies and American IP, with huge implications for our security and for our edge in AI, cyber security, telecom, and other major technologies. Whoever masters the technologies of tomorrow will be able to reshape the world in their image this century. And if the CCP gets there first, it will spell dark times for democracy, for freedom, and for American prosperity and American jobs.

Today's decision by the administration will provide one more firewall we

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal and ever blessed God, whose Name is love, put Your love in our hearts. Lord, teach us to love so that our primary aim in life will be to please You. Teach us to love so that our passion for You will provide the foundation of our obedience. Teach us to love so that worship will not be a duty but a delight. Teach us to love so that our greatest fear will be to disappoint You. Teach our lawmakers to love so that they will always be quick to help and to forgive. Lord, teach all of us to love so that justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

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